

REMARKS

Telephonic Interviews:

Two telephonic interviews were initiated by Primary Examiner Mark A. Osele respectively on February 14, 2004 and February 18, 2004. The careful attention the Examiner has paid to the instant application is noted with appreciation.

On the February 14, 2004 telephonic interview, the Examiner has indicated that the application is ready for allowance except for a number of minor issues. The predominant issue is regarding the inaccuracy of the drawings. For example, as it was explained by the Examiner, in Figures 5A and 6A, elements 56, 58 and 60 are raised relative to element 54. While element 56 is shown to be raised above element 44 in Figure 6A, there should be a gap between element 56 and 54, due to the raising of element 56.

The Examiner further complained that the height of the top portion of element 54 of Fig. 5A should be the same as element 54 in Figure 6A. As it is currently shown, the top portion of element 54 in Figure 5A is taller than the top portion of element 54 in Figure 6A. Similar problems also allegedly exist in Figures 7A, 8A and 9A.

On the February 18 telephonic interview, the Examiner has expressed that reference numeral 60 has been described as an annular contact member in the written specification. However, this is a mis-description, in the opinion of the Examiner, because contact member 60 is not in an annular shape. The Examiner recommends using either the term "contact post member" or "contact pin member" to describe reference numeral 60.

Drawings:

In response to the request of the Office as stated in the telephonic interviews, two sheets of revised drawings of Figures 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B, 9A and 9B are concurrently submitted herewith. Added therein these drawings are various gaps or spaces in-between raised and stationary elements. It is believed that the revised drawings have adequately removed the Office concerns.

Entry and approval of these revised drawings are respectfully requested.

Substitute Specification:

In response to the request of the Office as stated in the telephonic interviews, a marked-up copy and a clean copy of the substitute specification of the written specification are submitted herewith. In these substitute specifications, “annular contact member 60” is replaced with “contact post member 60.” As the descriptive word “annular” is removed, the mis-deceptive concern no longer exists. No new matter is believed to be added.

Entry and approval of the substitute specification are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Lau", is written over the printed name.

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